BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS

IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

IN THE MATTER OF:

State of Arizona

Holder of License No. 4389

BENJAMIN SHNURMAN, D.O.,

For the practice of osteopathic medicine in the

Case No.: DO-16-0249A

CONSENT AGREEMENT, FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND STIPULATED ORDER FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF

CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") and Benjamin Shnurman, D.O. ("Respondent"), the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Stipulated Order for Voluntary Surrender ("Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter and has done so or chooses not to do so.
- 2. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.
- 3. This Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 4. Respondent admits to the statement of facts as set forth in the Consent Agreement and Order.
- 5. This Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary action against Respondent.

- 6. This Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction. The acceptance of this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this State from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
- 7. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent administrative proceedings or litigation involving the Board, Respondent and the State of Arizona; and, therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended for any other purpose or administrative regulatory proceeding or litigation in another state or federal court.
- 8. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the Consent Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- 9. If the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.
- 10. This Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to the Board's website.
- 11. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED THIS 30 DAY OF July, 2017.

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JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENTS

- 1. The Board is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq., to regulate the licensing and practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent holds license No. 4389 issued by the Board to practice as an osteopathic physician.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about November 16, 2016, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Division of Professional Regulation wherein Respondent voluntarily relinquished his Physician and Surgeon license (No. 036.082580).
- 2. The voluntary relinquishment was the result of a 2014 investigation by the Moline, Illinois police department into allegations that Respondent engaged in sexual relations with a patient.
- 3. Respondent failed to disclose to the Board on his 2014 and 2016 renewal applications that he was under investigation with the Illinois Medical Board nor did he report the voluntary relinquishment of his license that occurred just days after he submitted his 2016 renewal.
- 4. Respondent understands that the voluntary surrender of his license constitutes the revocation of the same and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Databank.

- 1. The conduct and circumstances described above constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1854 (18), which states, "The denial of or disciplinary action against a license by any other state, territory, district or county, unless it can be shown that this occurred for reasons that did not related to the person's ability to safely and skillfully practice osteopathic medicine or to any act of unprofessional conduct as provided in this section.
- 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1854 (9), which states, "Procuring, renewing or attempting to procure or renew a license to practice osteopathic medicine by fraud or misrepresentation."

ORDER

- 1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT License Number 4389, previously issued to Benjamin Shnurman, D.O., for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, is SURRENDERED, and that Benjamin Shnurman, D.O. shall no longer engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona upon the effective date of this Order.
- 2. Any violation of this Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action and or referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- 3. Respondent agrees he shall not apply for an osteopathic medical license in the State of Arizona for a period of at least five (5) years from the effective date of this Consent Agreement. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date it is signed by the Board's Executive Director.



ISSUED THIS 5th DAY OF May, 2017.

STATE OF ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Jenna Jones, Executive Director

Original "Consent for Surrender of License" filed this 5⁺² day of _______, 2017 with the: Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners In Medicine and Surgery 9535 East Doubletree Ranch Road Scottsdale AZ 85258-5539 Benjamin Shnurman, DO. Address of record

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